

Appln. No.: 09/924,626
Amendment dated December 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 17, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 17, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Appreciation is extended to Examiner Fisher for the telephone conference of December 6, 2004. In accordance with this telephone conference and in order to efficiently move prosecution forward, Claim 24 has been added to include aspects of the allowed apparatus claim in co-pending application number 09/924,626. Claims 25-37 have been added as dependent claims from independent Claim 24. Further, a terminal disclaimer has been submitted to obviate any potential obviousness-type double patenting rejections based on application number 09/924,626.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the instant rejections and objections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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